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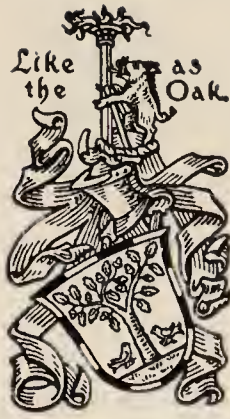
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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE UCKFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for 1963, prepared on the lines indicated in the Ministry of Health circular 1/64.

Infectious Diseases

During the year 1,381 cases of infectious disease were notified, the highest figure since 1953, when 1,641 cases were recorded.

The biennial epidemic of measles accounted for 1,223 of the cases, and of these, 733 were notified during the second quarter of the year.

The number of new cases of tuberculosis continues to fall, and the total of ten (eight respiratory and two non-respiratory) is the lowest ever recorded in one year.

For the eighteenth year in succession no case of diphtheria was notified.

Vital Statistics

Deaths from all forms of cancer were 128, and followed the rising trend throughout the country. Of this number, 30 were due to cancer of the lung and bronchus, the highest recorded.

The number of deaths from bronchitis also increases steadily, as is shown graphically on page 10.

It has become popular to attribute to atmospheric pollution from various sources, the cause of the two killing diseases, lung cancer and chronic bronchitis.

In a Rural area this surely plays only a minor part, the main rôle being held by cigarette smoking, against which the evidence is overwhelming.

The remedy is in the hands of the individual.

Food and Drugs

Catering Establishment

A large café and public house is situated on a main road in the district and during the summer months it is a regular stop for coaches travelling between London and the coastal resorts ; at peak periods the number of coaches in the car park may be in excess of thirty. A number of complaints were received, principally from women's and old age pensioners' organisations who had visited the premises and found that during times of heavy use the flushing apparatus to the water closets was not recharging sufficiently quickly. Overhaul of the

existing apparatus by the owner did result in a small improvement, but, even so, further complaints of a similar nature were received.

The proprietor then decided to install an improved type of apparatus which would permit discharge at frequent intervals. This work was carried out during the winter and it has been entirely satisfactory.

Mobile Fish and Chip Frying Vans

In the early part of the year, numerous complaints were received that two mobile fish and chip frying vans, belonging to the same owner, were giving offence by smells from the frying operations and also that the empty containers were being thrown away on the highway and in gardens, particularly late at night.

The vans were observed whilst in operation both during the day and in the evening on several occasions and the complaints regarding the smells were found to be justified. Following negotiations, the owner agreed to extend the flue from the frying ranges and to change the sites from which the vans operated. In addition he provided litter baskets on the vehicles and also gave instructions that his staff should collect any containers which had been discarded in the street when they left the site at the end of each session.

Following the implementation of these improvements, no further complaints were received.

General

The food premises in this district continue in general to be conducted satisfactorily as a large proportion of them are small family businesses and therefore under the direct supervision of the proprietor.

It is noticeable in localities where the large modern supermarket operates that the small businesses have to carry out improvements to their premises to keep them up-to-date and attractive to customers.

Milk

During the year, forty-nine samples of raw milk were taken for biological examination and five were found to be affected with brucella abortus, although all were negative to tubercle bacilli. Four of the producers concerned were in the Council's area and they were required to divert their supplies for heat treatment before being used for human consumption. Samples were taken individually from one hundred and twenty cows and the bacteriologist's report indicated seven cows to be excretors of brucella abortus, and they were removed from the milking herds.

In the case of the producer whose farm was outside the Council's area, the matter was referred to the Local Authority concerned who subsequently confirmed that this supply was being subjected to heat treatment.

Licensing Act 1961—Club Registration Certificates

Certain applications for the issue of Club Registration Certificates were submitted to the Council by the Magistrates for any observations. The premises concerned were inspected and it was found that as far as this Department was concerned, no objections were necessary, but the opportunity was taken to ask for improvements to sanitary accommodation and washing facilities to be carried out in some cases.

Agriculture (Safety, Health and Welfare Provisions) Act 1956

Since the Act came into force 147 premises have been inspected with the following results—

	W.C.'s	Pail or Chemical closets	No provision made	Total
No. of premises provided with satisfactory sanitary accommoda- tion	130	10	—	140
No. of premises not provided with satisfactory sanitary accommoda- tion	—	—	7	7
	<u>130</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>147</u>
No. of formal Notices served ... ..	...	...	...	1
No. of formal Notices complied with ... ..	...	...	...	1
No. of informal Notices served ... ..	...	...	...	6
No. of informal Notices complied with ... ..	...	...	...	4
No. of cases which fall to be dealt with ... ..	...	...	...	2

Standard Grants

During the year 123 applications were received and dealt with as under :—

No. approved	—	Owner/Occupier	...	76
		Tenanted	...	47
				—
		Total	...	123
				==
No. withdrawn	—	Owner/Occupier	...	10
		Tenanted	...	6
				—
		Total	...	16
				==
Sum total of Grants approved	...		£15,570	
Number paid ... ..	...	...	...	79
Number repaid ... ..	...	...	...	7
Net amount paid ... ..	...	...	£13,731	7s. 9d.

Since the inception of this scheme 554 applications have been approved as follows :—

No. approved	—	Owner/Occupier	...	313
		Tenanted	...	241
				—
		Total	...	554
				==
No. withdrawn	—	Owner/Occupier	...	18
		Tenanted	...	20
				—
		Total	...	38
				==
Sum total of Grants approved	...		£70,460	
Number paid ... ..	...	...	...	360
Number repaid ... ..	...	...	...	22
Net amount paid ... ..	...	...	£46,973	19s. 9d.

That there is still plenty of scope for further improvement of existing dwellings is shown by information obtained during the 1961 Census.

Number of dwellings in Uckfield Rural District lacking—

Cold water tap...	...	...	...	...	206
Hot water tap ...	...	...	...	...	2,714
Fixed bath ...	...	...	...	...	2,658
Water closet ...	...	...	...	...	1,110

Slum Clearance Programme

The following table shows the state of the programme commenced in January 1956. Further progress is dependent on accommodation available for re-housing.

(a)	Number of houses in programme	...	...	200
(b)	Number dealt with under Housing Acts	...	...	230
				(47 vacant)
	Number closed	...	...	56
	Number demolished	...	...	27
	Number made fit, Undertaking determined			104
(c)	Number of families rehoused	...	...	140
	Number rehoused by Council	...	...	94
(d)	Number remaining to be rehoused	...	...	43
	Number willing to be rehoused	...	...	11

Council Housing

The following information is given by the Housing Manager, Miss E. M. Maddox, B.Sc., F.S.H.M.

Applications for Housing

The total number of applications on the waiting list for housing increased from 910 in January to 1,038 in December, 1963.

New accommodation

A block of flats for single and elderly people was completed at Mayfield.

This block consists of 14 bed-sitting rooms with kitchenettes for single people, three one-bedroomed flats for couples and a flat for a Resident Warden. A communal sitting-room, a laundry room and a guest room are provided and the block has full central heating.

The Warden is responsible for administering the block and looking after the communal parts of the building, but the tenants are otherwise completely independent.

Vacancies

The total number of vacancies in existing Council accommodation during the year was 61, eight of which were obtained by moving tenants from existing properties to smaller accommodation at the block of flats at Mayfield.

Rehousing

Applicants were rehoused during the year as follows :—

Occupants of unfit houses	...	...	...	...	4
Other applicants on the waiting list...	...	...	...	...	66

I am, Mr. Chairman, My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN PETRIE,
Medical Officer of Health.

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TABLE I

VITAL AND SOCIAL STATISTICS

Area of the District	112,096	acres
Population (Registrar General's estimate)	45,540	
Density of Population per acre	...	...	...	...	...	0.40	
Number of inhabited dwellings (at 31/3/64)	...	...	...	...	...	14,893	
Rateable Value (at 1/4/64)	...	...	...	...	...	£1,445,812	
Sum represented by the penny rate (at 1/4/64)	...	...	...	...	...	£5,674	
Births and Deaths.							
Birth Rate (crude)	...	...	...	...	14.27	} Per 1,000 Population	
„ „ (modified)	...	...	...	...	17.41		
„ „ (England and Wales)	...	...	...	...	18.20		
Death Rate (crude)	...	...	...	...	14.12		
„ „ (modified)	...	...	...	...	10.59		
„ „ (England and Wales)	...	...	...	...	12.20		
Mothers and Infants							
Live Births					<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Number	...	...	...	...	352	298	650
Rate per 1,000 population	...	...	...	...			14.27
Illegitimate Live Births							
(per cent. of total live births)	...						6.77
Still Births							
Number	...	...	...	...	6	4	10
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	...						15.15
Total Live and Still Births					358	302	660
Infant Deaths (deaths under one year)					7	6	13
Infant Mortality Rates							
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births					...	...	20.00
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births						...	21.45
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births						...	Nil
Neo-natal Mortality Rate							
(Deaths under four weeks per 1,000 total live births)					...	...	13.85
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate							
(Deaths under one week per 1,000 total live births)					...	...	13.85
Perinatal Mortality Rate							
(Stillbirths and deaths under one week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)					...	...	13.63
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)							
Number of deaths					...	...	Nil
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births					...	...	Nil
Causes of Death.							
					<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Tuberculosis (respiratory)	...	...	...	...	2	1	3
Tuberculosis (other)	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Syphilitic disease	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Meningococcal Infection	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Measles	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	...	...	...	3	—	3

TABLE I (continued)

						Males	Females	Total
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	...	...	...	11	6	17
Malignant neoplasm, lung and bronchus	...	...	...	...	...	25	5	30
Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	...	...	...	—	21	21
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	...	...	...	—	2	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	...	...	...	...	30	28	58
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	...	...	...	4	3	7
Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	1	—	1
Vascular lesions of the nervous system	...	...	...	...	...	22	57	79
Coronary disease, angina	...	...	...	...	...	58	36	94
Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	...	...	...	7	8	15
Other heart disease	...	...	...	...	...	26	48	74
Other circulatory disease	...	...	...	...	...	16	28	44
Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	5	9	14
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	22	21	43
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	16	10	26
Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	...	6	2	8
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	3
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	4
Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	4
Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	...	...	...	1	—	1
Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Congenital malformations	...	...	...	...	...	1	—	1
Other defined and ill defined diseases	...	...	...	...	...	26	37	63
Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	...	...	...	8	4	12
All other accidents	...	...	...	...	...	5	5	10
Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	6
Homicide and operations of war	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Total deaths	...	...	...	...	...	303	340	643

Deaths from cancer of lung and bronchus, and chronic bronchitis, 1950 to 1963.

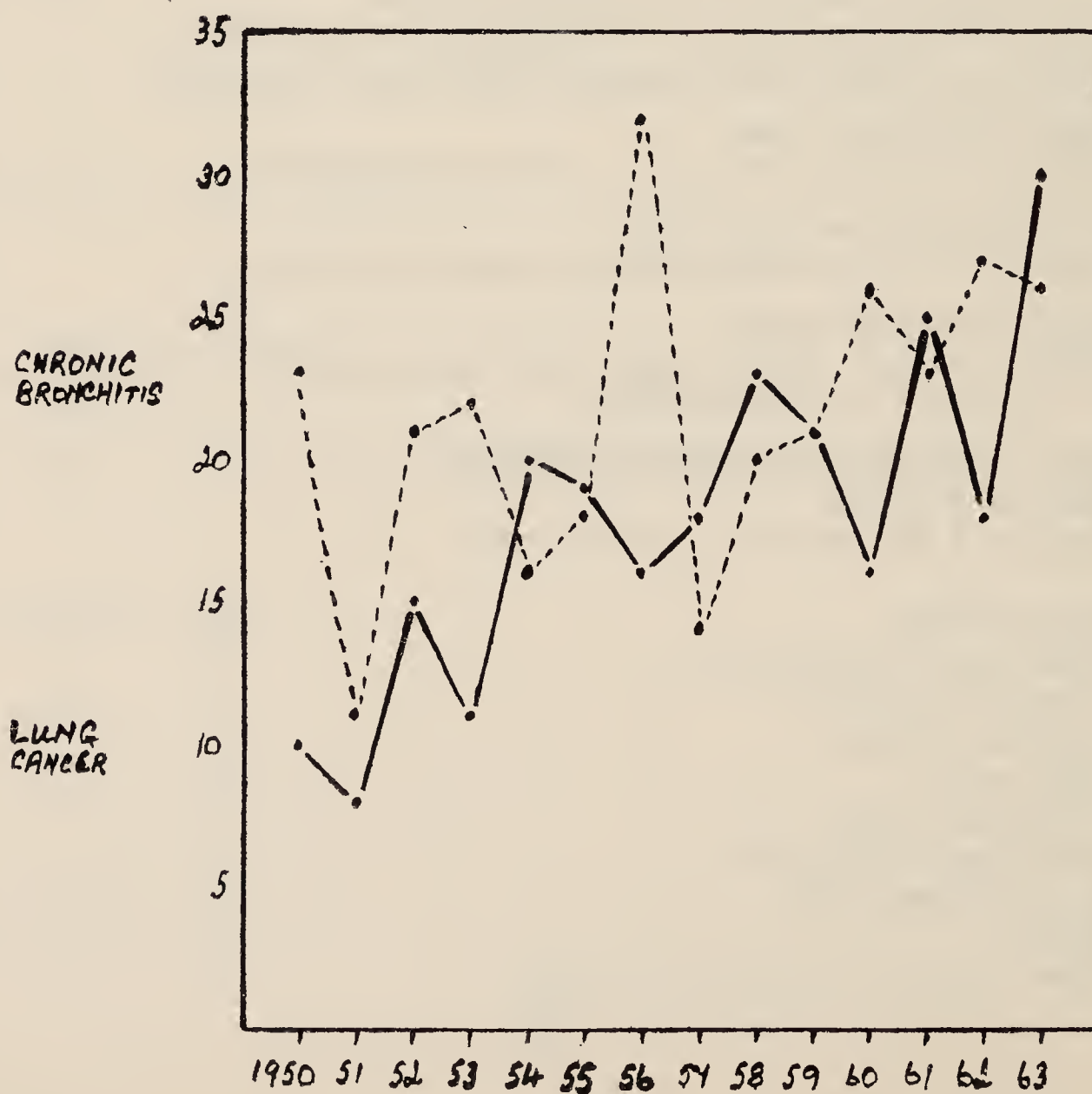


TABLE SHOWING VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1948-1963

TABLE II

Year	Estimated Population	Number of Births						Crude Birth Rate	Number of Deaths			Crude Death Rate	Infants' Deaths			Infant Death Rate	Natural Increase of Births over Deaths
		Legitimate			Illegitimate				Number of Deaths				Infants' Deaths				
		M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total		M.	F.	Total		M.	F.	Total		
1948	40,900	325	286	611	14	15	29	15.65	247	255	502	12.27	7	3	10	15.63	138
1949	41,370	281	264	545	14	14	28	13.85	252	273	525	12.69	8	8	16	27.92	48
1950	42,230	271	274	545	17	13	30	13.61	260	279	539	12.76	5	8	13	22.60	36
1951	43,750	282	272	554	13	9	22	13.16	264	306	570	13.02	5	11	16	27.60	6
1952	43,260	274	245	519	16	10	26	12.59	296	306	602	13.91	9	8	17	31.19	—
1953	43,600	241	260	501	12	12	24	12.05	245	257	502	11.51	7	5	12	22.86	23
1954	43,940	267	262	529	16	10	26	12.63	256	300	556	12.65	4	5	9	16.21	—
1955	44,000	255	245	500	14	13	27	11.97	250	311	561	12.75	8	8	16	32.00	—
1956	43,500	272	236	508	7	12	19	12.11	291	284	575	13.22	8	5	13	24.67	—
1957	43,380	289	255	544	7	6	13	12.84	264	250	514	11.85	7	3	10	17.95	43
1958	43,300	262	238	500	14	6	20	12.01	295	296	591	13.65	2	4	6	11.54	—
1959	43,670	301	297	598	6	14	20	14.15	323	293	616	14.10	4	2	6	9.71	2
1960	43,780	279	271	550	10	10	20	13.02	284	276	560	12.79	7	7	14	24.56	10
1961	43,950	280	277	557	10	15	25	13.24	312	300	612	13.92	10	9	19	32.64	—
1962	44,770	334	289	623	14	12	26	14.49	303	331	634	14.16	6	2	8	12.33	15
1963	45,540	322	284	606	30	14	44	14.27	303	340	643	14.12	7	6	13	20.00	7

POPULATION FIGURES, 1954-1963. Estimated

TABLE III

PARISH	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963
BUXTED	2,437	2,454	2,461	2,449	2,444	2,479	2,384	2,377	2,442	2,457
CROWBOROUGH	7,667	7,638	7,562	7,324	7,322	7,396	8,109	8,396	8,702	8,919
DANEHILL	1,268	1,262	1,261	1,237	1,239	1,236	1,282	1,304	1,335	1,343
FLETCHING	992	1,011	993	1,003	995	983	947	923	930	947
FOREST ROW	3,330	3,384	3,327	3,360	3,407	3,554	3,519	3,481	3,544	3,588
FRAMFIELD	1,952	1,913	1,882	1,848	1,860	1,858	1,817	1,761	1,787	1,798
FRANT	1,525	1,497	1,519	1,538	1,547	1,518	1,464	1,455	1,468	1,468
HADLOW DOWN	828	843	860	832	822	810	836	812	839	833
HARTFIELD	2,095	2,060	2,044	2,038	2,024	2,034	1,992	2,023	2,013	2,043
ISFIELD	551	560	525	513	505	488	490	492	475	479
LITTLE HORSTED	222	213	213	202	195	195	203	197	196	197
MARESFIELD	2,965	2,982	2,990	3,015	2,990	3,072	3,251	3,213	3,243	3,266
MAYFIELD	3,604	3,606	3,525	3,509	3,489	3,505	3,390	3,316	3,377	3,478
ROTHERFIELD	2,975	2,933	2,847	2,851	2,824	2,800	2,771	2,758	2,789	2,822
UCKFIELD	4,252	4,341	4,286	4,410	4,398	4,457	4,327	4,376	4,475	4,585
WADHURST	4,191	4,180	4,136	4,141	4,102	4,132	3,950	3,929	3,955	4,016
WITHYHAM	3,086	3,123	3,069	3,110	3,137	3,153	3,048	3,137	3,200	3,301
† TOTALS	43,940	44,000	43,500	43,380	43,300	43,670	43,780	43,950	44,770	45,540

† Totals are annual estimates of population supplied by the Registrar General.
Population of each parish calculated as follows :—
1954-1959 Registrar General's estimate of population for the District \times Number of occupied dwellings in each parish.
1960-1963 Registrar General's estimate of population for the District \times Number of persons on Register of Electors in each parish.

NOTIFIED CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN AGE GROUPS

TABLE IV

Disease		Under 1 year	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5—9 years	10—14 years	15—24 years	25 years and over	Age un- known	Total	Admitted to hospital
SCARLET FEVER	...	—	—	1	—	1	6	4	—	1	—	13	—
WHOOPING COUGH	...	4	5	3	9	2	6	6	—	2	—	37	—
MEASLES	...	21	53	121	125	136	596	124	33	14	—	1,223	1
DYSENTERY	...	—	2	6	5	1	26	46	7	—	—	93	—
		Under 5 years	5—14 years	15—44 years	45—64 years	65 years and over	Age un- known						
PNEUMONIA	...	—	—	1	2	3	—					6	—
ERYSIPELAS	...	—	—	1	2	—	—					3	—
PUERPERAL PYREXIA		ALL AGES										6	4

TABLE V

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Distribution of diseases in the parishes, 1963

PARISH	DISEASE							
	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Measles	Dysentery	Pneumonia	Erysipelas	Puerperal Pyrexia	TOTAL
BUXTED	—	1	39	58	—	—	—	98
CROWBOROUGH	4	33	247	34	—	1	4	323
DANEHILL	—	—	42	—	—	—	—	42
FLETCHING	1	—	10	—	—	—	—	11
FOREST ROW	1	—	145	—	—	2	—	148
FRAMFIELD	—	—	84	—	—	—	—	84
FRANT	5	—	62	—	—	—	—	67
HADLOW DOWN	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
HARTFIELD	—	1	24	—	—	—	—	25
ISFIELD	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	3
LITTLE HORSTED	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	5
MARESFIELD	—	—	95	—	—	—	—	95
MAYFIELD	—	—	108	—	4	—	—	112
ROTHERFIELD	1	1	42	—	1	—	2	47
UCKFIELD	—	1	167	—	—	—	—	168
WADHURST	1	—	94	—	—	—	—	95
WITHYHAM	—	—	55	1	1	—	—	57
TOTALS	13	37	1,223	93	6	3	6	1,381

TABLE VI

TUBERCULOSIS

New cases and mortality during 1963

AGE GROUPS.					NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
					Respiratory.		Non-Resp.		Respiratory.		Non-Resp.	
					M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	...	...			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 — 4	...	...	...		1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 —14	...	...	...		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15 —24	...	...	...		1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25 —34	...	...	...		2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
35 —44	...	...	...		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45 —54	...	...	...		1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55 —64	...	...	...		1	1	1	—	—	1	—	—
65 and over	...	...			—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
Age unknown	...	...			—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	...	...			6	2	2	—	2	1	—	—

TABLE SHOWING TUBERCULOSIS STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1946-1963

TABLE VII

YEAR.	NEW CASES						DEATHS			
	Respiratory.			Non-Respiratory.			Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
	M	F	Total. (All Types).	M	F	Total. (All Types).	M	F	M	F
1946	14	11	44	15	4	44	3	4	1	—
1947	10	10	30	5	5	30	7	7	3	1
1948	19	8	34	2	5	34	9	5	—	—
1949	21	15	46	4	6	46	3	4	—	—
1950	20	19	54	6	9	54	2	—	1	—
1951	22	19	50	3	6	50	4	4	1	—
1952	25	21	55	5	4	55	5	3	2	—
1953	27	17	46	—	2	46	2	1	—	1
1954	27	18	50	2	3	50	2	—	—	—
1955	5	8	17	1	3	17	2	2	—	—
1956	4	6	16	4	2	16	—	3	1	—
1957	10	5	20	3	2	20	—	—	—	—
1958	13	4	18	1	—	18	1	—	—	—
1959	8	3	13	1	1	13	4	—	—	—
1960	11	3	20	3	3	20	1	1	—	—
1961	6	5	12	1	—	12	2	—	—	—
1962	12	2	17	3	—	17	2	1	—	—
1963	6	2	10	2	—	10	2	1	—	—

TABLE VIII

MASS RADIOGRAPHY

ANALYSIS OF RESULTS OF SURVEY, 1963

	Buxted (Poultry Packers Ltd.)			Framfield (Poultry Packers Ltd.)			St. Anthony's Old People's Home, Crowborough			Fletching Parish			Nutley Parish		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
No. of persons X-rayed ...	124	82	206	29	10	39	38	2	40	10	25	35	37	55	92
Analysis of abnormal large films :—															
(a) Malignant Disease (Bronchial Carcinoma)	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Non-Malignant Neoplasms...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Cardio-Vascular Lesions (Acquired)	—	1	1	—	—	—	4	—	4	1	—	1	2	—	2

TABLE IX
VACCINATION

The following vaccinations or re-vaccinations were carried out at clinics or reported by medical practitioners during the year.

<i>Age</i>	<i>Vaccinations</i>	<i>Re-vaccinations</i>
Under 1 year ...	26	—
1 year	92	3
2-4 years ...	32	7
5-14 years ...	10	73
15 years and over	—	231
Totals ...	160	314

TABLE X
AMBULANCES, CLINICS AND LABORATORY SERVICE
Infant Welfare Centres, Weighing Centres and Ante-Natal Clinics in
the Uckfield Rural District

<i>Name of Centre</i>				<i>When held</i>
BUXTED				
Reading Room, Buxted				
(Weighing Centre only)	...	...	...	3rd Tuesday in each month.
CROWBOROUGH				
St. Richard's Church Hall				
(Weighing Centre only)	...	...	...	3rd Tuesday in each month.
Wesleyan Hall				
(Weighing Centre only)	...	...	...	2nd and 4th Tuesdays in each month.
CROWBOROUGH, ST. JOHN'S				
Women's Institute Hall				
(Weighing Centre only)	...	...	...	3rd Thursday in each month.
CHELWOOD GATE AND DANEHILL				
Chelwood Gate Institute Hall	...	...	...	2nd Tuesday in each month.
FAIRWARP				
Village Hall, Fairwarp				
(Weighing Centre only)	...	...	...	1st Wednesday in each month.
FOREST ROW				
Village Hall ...	...	...	...	1st Thursday in each month. (Dr. J. Raymond.)
FRAMFIELD				
Church Hall				
(Weighing Centre only)	...	...	...	2nd Thursday in each month.
FRANT				
Village Hall				
(Weighing Centre only)	...	...	...	1st Friday in each month.
GROOMBRIDGE				
The Hut, Station Road				
(Weighing Centre only)	...	...	...	4th Tuesday in each month.
HARTFIELD AND WITHYHAM				
King's Hall, Withyham				
(Weighing Centre only)	...	...	...	1st Friday in each month.
MARESFIELD				
Military Camp				
(Weighing Centre only)	...	...	...	2nd Wednesday in each month.
MAYFIELD				
Village Hall ...	...	...	...	1st Friday in each month. (Dr. H. Walters.)
NUTLEY				
Mission Hall, Fords Green				
(Weighing Centre only)	...	...	...	3rd Tuesday in each month.
ROTHERFIELD				
Village Hall				
(Weighing Centre only)	...	...	...	1st Tuesday in each month.
UCKFIELD				
County Clinic	...	...	...	1st Tuesday in each month. (Dr. J. Felce.)
Ante-Natal Relaxation Class	...	...	...	Each Monday and 4th Thursday. (Dr. Harrison.)
WADHURST				
Commemoration Hall, High Street	...	...	...	2nd and 4th Tuesdays in each month. (Dr. Marsh.)
Diphtheria Immunisation Clinics				
*CROWBOROUGH				
Wesleyan Hall, Croft Road	...	...	...	1st Tuesday in each month at 3.30 p.m.
UCKFIELD				
County Clinic	...	...	...	1st Tuesday in each month at 2.15 p.m.
WADHURST				
Belmont Surgery	...	...	...	1st Tuesday in each month from 2.15- 2.45 p.m.
* This clinic is only held when sufficient number of children need immunisations.				
Poliomyelitis Vaccination Clinics				
CROWBOROUGH				
Red Cross Hall	...	...	...	2nd Monday in each month from 2- 2.30 p.m.
UCKFIELD				
County Clinic	...	...	...	2nd Wednesday in each month from 5.30-6.30 p.m.

TABLE X (continued)

Laboratory Facilities.

The arrangements which were made for the examination of specimens taken for the diagnosis and control of infectious diseases, with the Public Health Laboratory, Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton (telephone number Brighton 63506), continued throughout the year and proved to be very satisfactory.

Medical practitioners send specimens direct to the Laboratory and receive a report by telephone, a written copy of the report being sent to this office.

Specimens may be sent to reach the Southdown Bus Depôt, Pool Valley, Brighton, by 5.15 p.m. from Mondays to Fridays and by 12.30 p.m. on Saturdays, or to the Public Health Laboratory by 6 p.m. from Mondays to Fridays and by 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

Urgent examinations may be carried out at other times by arrangement with the Director, Doctor Jameson (telephone number Brighton 56960).

Ambulance Services.

The County Council, under the provisions of the National Health Service Act, 1946, has the duty to ensure that ambulances are available where necessary to convey persons suffering from illness from places in their area to places in or outside their area.

In East Sussex this is being done mainly by arrangement with the St. John Ambulance Brigade and the British Red Cross Society. The stations and ambulances are now linked by radio control, which ensures a quicker and more efficient service in accident or emergency cases.

A day and night ambulance service is available and calls are accepted from doctors, nurses, midwives and hospitals in the area. Only in cases of accidents or other sudden emergencies are calls accepted directly from members of the public.

Ambulance stations serving parishes in the Uckfield Rural District are as follows :—

<i>Parishes Served</i>	<i>Ambulance Station</i>	<i>Telephone Number</i>	<i>No. of Ambulances</i>
Buxted (North Part) Crowborough Mayfield Rotherfield Withyham	Caffyns Garage, Beacon Road, Crowborough.	Crowborough 1234 Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. At all other times Crowborough 882	2
Forest Row Hartfield	Phillips Garage, 219B, London Road, East Grinstead.	East Grinstead 488	2
Frant Wadhurst	86a, Speldhurst Rd., Southborough, Tunbridge Wells.	Tunbridge Wells 23222/3	19
Buxted (South Part) Danehill Fletching Framfield Hadlow Down Isfield Little Horsted Maresfield Uckfield	Caffyns Garage, Uckfield.	Uckfield 282	1

TABLE XI

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES AND SUPERVISION

No. of inspections made under the Housing and Public Health Acts ...	1,376
„ „ „ „ „ „ Animal Boarding Establishments Act, 1963	1
„ „ „ „ „ „ Pet Animals Act, 1951	2
„ „ „ „ „ „ Agriculture (Safety, Health and Welfare) Act	26
No. of premises other than houses visited under the Public Health Acts	458
Visits to factories (with power 79, without power 7)	86
Inspections made of dairies and milk shops	80
Visits to bakehouses	8
„ „ butchers' shops	31
„ „ knackers' yards	3
„ „ fish frying premises	14
„ „ food premises	227
„ „ ice-cream premises	3
„ „ licensed premises	63
„ „ shops (under Section 38, Shops Act, 1950)	18
„ „ hop-pickers' lodgings	2
Visits in connection with caravans	20
„ „ „ „ infectious diseases	39
„ „ „ „ water supplies	42
„ „ „ „ rats and mice destruction	3,186
„ „ „ „ waste foods order	1
„ „ „ „ schools	2
Miscellaneous visits	231
Interviews	48
No. of drain tests carried out	388
„ „ water samples taken	25
„ „ milk samples taken	47
„ „ premises disinfected and disinfested	61
„ „ preliminary notices served	190
„ „ „ „ complied with	161
„ „ statutory notices served	8
„ „ „ „ complied with	6

TABLE XII

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The following statistics show inspections and work done by the Rodent Operators during the year.

					<i>Rats</i>	<i>Mice</i>
No. of complaints received ...	...	...	...	...	277	79
No. of premises infested ...	...	...	...	...	233	73
No. of infestations found as a result of routine enquiry					83	—
No. of premises treated by the occupier ...	...	...	...		90	5
No. of dwellings disinfested :						
(a) Dwellinghouses ...	...	...	...	...	152	57
(b) Council properties (Sewage disposal works and refuse tips) ...	...	...	...	...	31	—
(c) Business premises (other than food premises) ...					5	1
(d) Food premises ...	...	...	...	...	7	2
(e) Agricultural premises ...	...	...	...	...	25	11
(f) Schools ...	...	...	...	...	—	1
Total number of visits	...	...	...	...	3,186	

TABLE XIII
FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Eighty-six visits were made to factories during the year; of these seventy-nine were to factories in which mechanical power was used.

Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.

PREMISES	NO. ON REGISTER	INSPIC- TIONS	NOTICES	OCCUPIERS PROSECUTED
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	28	7	1	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	164	79	1	—
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises) ...	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	192	86	2	—

Cases in which defects were found

PARTICULARS	NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND				NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH PROSECUTIONS WERE INSTITUTED
	FOUND	REMEDIED	REFERRED		
			To H.M. INSPECTOR	By H.M. INSPECTOR	
Want of cleanliness ...	1	2	—	2	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation ...	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences :					
(a) insufficient	1	1	—	1	—
(b) unsuitable or defective	—	2	—	—	—
(c) not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork) ...	—	1	—	—	—
TOTALS	2	6	—	3	—

Outwork (Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of work	No. of outworkers in August list required by Sect. 133(1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises	Notices served	Prosecu- tions
Wearing apparel : Making, etc.	3	—	—	—	—	—
Cleaning and washing ...	—	—	—	—	—	—

TABLE XIV

WATER SUPPLIES

Samples of water were taken each month for bacteriological examination and the following table shows the sources of supply and results of the analyses.

<i>Source of Supply</i>	<i>Samples taken</i>	<i>Satisfactory</i>	<i>Unsatisfactory</i>
Mid-Sussex Water Company	23	23	—
Springs and Wells	2	1	1
TOTALS	25	24	1

In addition to the above samples taken by the Council's officers the under-mentioned suppliers sent regular reports of bacteriological and chemical analyses.

Borough of Royal Tunbridge Wells.

East Surrey Water Company.

Mid-Sussex Water Company.

Specimen results of chemical analyses are shown overleaf.

Sources of supply and specimen results of chemical analyses are shown in the following table :—

	SOURCE OF SUPPLY		
	<i>Borough of Royal Tunbridge Wells — Tangiers Supply, Frant</i>	<i>East Surrey Water Co.— Westwood Pumping Station</i>	<i>Mid-Sussex Water Co.— Maynards Gate Pumping Station</i>
		<i>Parts per million</i>	
Free and Saline Ammonia ...	0.04	—	—
Albuminoid Ammonia ...	0.28	—	—
Oxygen absorbed from Permanganate at 80°F. in 4 hrs.	0.18	—	Nil
Nitrate Nitrogen	3.08	4.50	1.50
Nitrite Nitrogen	—	Nil	Nil
Chlorine (in Chlorides) ...	28.50	15	20
Equivalent to Sodium Chloride	47.00	—	—
Total Solid Matter (dried at 180°C.)	210.00	175	150
Temporary Hardness ...	32.50	84	65
Permanent Hardness ...	None	33	Nil
Total Hardness	32.50	117	65
Sodium Carbonate	34.50	—	20
Free Carbon Dioxide ...	48.40	4	—
Free Chlorine	Absent	0.06	0.25
Reaction (pH)	6.20	7.70	7.30
Metals : Lead	None	Nil	Nil
Copper	None	Nil	Nil
Zinc	None	Nil	—
Iron	0.15	0.02	0.01
Appearance	Yellowish-green and clear	Bright almost clear, with a few minute sand particles	Very faintly opalescent
Colour	—	Normal	10 Hazen
Taste	—	Nil	—
Electric Conductivity at 20°C.	—	265	—
Ammoniacal Nitrogen ...	—	Nil	0.02
Albuminoid Nitrogen ...	—	Nil	0.01
Turbidity	—	Less than 5	None
Odour	—	Nil	—
Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate	—	84	—
Permanganate Value (3 hrs. at 37°C.)	—	Nil	—

TABLE XV

POSITION RELATING TO PIPED WATER SUPPLY AT 31st DECEMBER, 1963

<i>Statutory Supplier</i>	<i>Parish</i>	<i>Connected to main supply during year</i>	<i>Dwellings on main supply</i>	<i>Estimated number of inhabitants in houses on main supply</i>
Mid-Sussex Water Company	Buxted	17	757	2,347
	Crowborough	95	3,039	9,421
	Danehill	11	443	1,373
	Fletching	2	231	716
	Forest Row	11	1,021	3,165
	Framfield	19	582	1,804
	Frant	—	362	1,122
	Hadlow Down	3	255	790
	Hartfield	10	605	1,875
	Isfield	—	192	595
	Little Horsted	—	15	47
	Maresfield	16	953	2,954
	Mayfield	15	1,104	3,422
	Rotherfield	19	949	2,942
	Uckfield	41	1,514	4,693
	Wadhurst	20	1,334	4,135
	Withyham	17	1,073	3,326
Borough of Royal Tunbridge Wells ...	Frant	1	*	—

*Included in the total for Mid-Sussex Water Company.

TABLE XVI

Sewerage and Sewage Purification

Capital expenditure during the past ten years on sewerage and sewage disposal works is shown in the following table :—

<i>Year ended 31st March</i>	<i>Total Expenditure £</i>
1954	10,433
1955	6,072
1956	4,787
1957	83,977
1958	70,836
1959	30,398
1960	52,342
1961	71,501
1962	60,014
1963	80,013
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	£470,373

In December 1958 the Council formulated a five year programme of necessary works, giving precedence to those where public health need is greatest. Following are details of the programme, showing progress to date.

Works completed up to December 1963		<i>Capital Cost</i>
REDGATE MILL	Extension and modernisation of existing Disposal Works, serving Crowborough and Rotherfield	£ 184,417
FRANT	Sewerage of the districts of Pococks Hill, Down Lane and Frant Village, and construction of Disposal Works ...	40,468
WADHURST (Village)	Sewers and Disposal Works	36,220
HARTFIELD AND UPPER HARTFIELD	Sewers and enlargement of existing works serving Forest Row	44,834
MARESFIELD (Village)	Sewers and improvements to existing Disposal Works ...	14,228
RINGLES CROSS	Sewers and Pumping Station	18,787
GROOMBRIDGE	Pumping Station and Rising Main... ..	12,980

Works in progress at December 1963

NUTLEY (Village)	Sewers and Sewage Disposal Works	60,000
UCKFIELD and FIVE ASH DOWN	Sewers and new Disposal Works	175,000
UCKFIELD (Ridgewood)	New sewer	12,000
FOREST ROW	Enlargement of Pumping Station, New Trunk Sewer and Rising Main	23,000
BLACKBOYS	Sewers and Disposal Works	51,000

Schemes which are in course of preparation

CROWBOROUGH (Village)	New Trunk Sewers	43,000
ISFIELD	Sewers and Rising Main	61,350
BLACKHAM (Village)	Sewers and Disposal Works	9,500
UCKFIELD	New Trunk Sewer	22,000
DANEHILL	Sewers and Disposal Works	

Schemes yet to be prepared

WADHURST (Rock Robin)	Pumping Station.
FRAMFIELD (Village)	New Disposal Works.
MAYFIELD (Meres)	Modernisation of existing Works.
MAYFIELD (Crouch)	Modernisation of existing Works.

TABLE XVII

FOOD PREMISES

The following table shows the various types of Food premises within the district

Bakehouses	...	...	...	9
Butchers' Shops	...	...	...	34
Cakes and Confectionery	...	...	...	42
Greengrocers	...	...	...	33
Grocery and General Provisions	...	...	...	136
Hotels and Licensed premises	...	...	...	107
Restaurants	...	...	...	67
Wet Fish Shops	...	...	...	11
Registered Dairy Premises	...	...	...	34

Improvements at Food Premises during 1963

Constant hot water provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Sinks provided, renewed or improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Wash hand basins provided or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Kitchens, preparing rooms and food stores cleansed and decorated	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Walls and ceilings repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Floors repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Display counters improved or increased	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Sanitary accommodation improved or increased	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Drainage systems repaired or improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2

Food and Drugs Act, 1955. Section 16.

The following table shows premises which are registered under the provisions of Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

Cooked Meat premises	...	...	36
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	7
Ice-cream premises (Storage and sale only)	...	...	230

TABLE XVIII

FOOD INSPECTION

During the year the following unsound food was voluntarily surrendered to the Public Health Inspectors.

258	lbs. of fish	...	...	...	...	decomposed
15½	lbs. of chicken portions			...	...	decomposed
515	lbs. of meat	...	...	...	...	decomposed
10	lbs. of meat	...	...	...	...	abscesses
16	lbs. of liver	...	...	...	...	angiomatosis
163	lbs. of canned food	...	...	...	...	decomposed
1,236	lbs. of canned and dried food				...	fire damaged

Unsound food is buried at Council refuse dumps.

TABLE XIX

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

1. (a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts)	308
(b)	Total number of inspections made for the purpose	1,374
2.	Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	5
3.	Number of dwelling houses (excluding those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	177

Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of Formal Notice.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or its officers	134
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Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

1.	<i>Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act, 1957 :—</i>	
(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	2
(b)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice :—	
(i)	By owners	1
(ii)	By Local Authority in default of owners	—
2.	<i>Proceedings under the Public Health Acts :—</i>	
(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	6
(b)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice :—	
(i)	By owners (including compliance with notices served prior to 1st January, 1963)	5
(ii)	By Local Authority in default of owners	—
3.	<i>Proceedings under Sections 4 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1957 :—</i>	
(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	—
(b)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	1
(c)	Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	7
(d)	Number of dwelling houses rendered fit following undertakings given after service of Notice of Time and Place—Section 16.	14
(e)	Number of dwelling houses for which undertakings, under Section 16, were given by owners	5

TABLE XX

REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO DWELLING HOUSES

The works of repair and improvement listed below were completed during the past eight years :—

<i>Internal.</i>	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963
Damp floors remedied ...	99	117	100	101	104	94	74	73
Damp walls remedied ...	120	169	144	175	137	144	119	73
Floors relaid or repaired ...	151	210	151	157	176	167	154	110
Walls repaired or cleansed ...	349	558	336	337	263	349	322	288
Ceilings repaired or cleansed ...	303	407	252	193	266	296	316	274
Ceiling heights increased ...	38	71	46	55	46	26	26	27
Lighting improved ...	97	148	89	72	113	73	73	47
Ventilation improved ...	105	196	102	82	112	95	85	51
Windows repaired or renewed ...	135	250	180	118	184	146	138	69
Doors repaired or renewed ...	47	82	63	67	75	44	38	17
Woodwork repaired or renewed ...	19	60	49	15	31	29	29	10
Flues and fireplaces repaired ...	31	53	36	24	16	14	13	13
Cooking stoves repaired or provided	48	55	32	18	20	20	28	15
Washing coppers repaired or provided ...	5	3	—	1	1	—	2	2
Food stores repaired or provided	76	70	39	29	87	69	83	42
Staircases repaired ...	37	51	30	34	35	38	49	26
Sinks provided or renewed ...	72	73	61	45	59	79	82	63
Sink wastes trapped or provided	55	71	45	36	50	70	80	61
Baths and wash basins provided	85	91	59	44	113	104	121	96
Hot water systems provided ...	91	86	58	42	113	97	121	93
Artificial lighting provided ...	37	50	20	13	14	6	—	4
Fuel stores provided ...	28	51	21	4	5	2	—	1
<i>External.</i>								
Walls repaired ...	67	96	83	67	67	80	67	48
Roofs repaired ...	78	86	74	44	74	67	64	43
Chimney stacks repaired ...	54	79	52	37	47	61	47	32
Gutters and downpipes provided or repaired ...	72	89	77	48	60	56	58	40
Paving provided or repaired ...	38	42	22	24	45	40	33	29
Dustbins provided or renewed ...	5	7	4	1	1	1	1	2
Accumulations removed ...	4	7	1	4	5	2	—	4
<i>Drainage.</i>								
New systems provided ...	54	64	32	30	35	86	35	34
Systems repaired, improved or cleansed ...	73	71	49	48	77	66	79	63
W.C.s provided ...	82	72	55	44	81	89	93	85
W.C.s repaired, cleansed and flushing apparatus provided	22	29	36	12	15	7	10	7
E.C.s and M.P.s converted to W.C.s	13	4	2	1	5	4	1	—
E.C.s repaired or improved ...	—	7	6	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Water Supply.</i>								
Main supply provided ...	17	13	11	12	7	8	4	6
Wells repaired, improved or provided	3	2	—	1	5	1	3	—

TABLE XXI

HOUSES BUILT DURING 1963

During the year a block of eighteen flats was built at Mayfield by the Council, and one hundred and ninety-two houses were completed by private enterprise. One property was made available by means of conversion.

Houses Built by Private Enterprise

The Public Health Inspectors continued to inspect all building undertaken by private enterprise, and the following table shows the number of visits made during the year.

FOUNDATIONS	...	...	623
SITE CONCRETE	...	...	394
DAMP PROOF COURSE	...	...	401
DRAINAGE	...	...	904
OTHER VISITS	...	...	2,756

